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INVENTION: BARRIER UNITS AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM						
INVENTOR(s): IGOR PALLEY ET AL.						
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In re Application of: IGOR PALLEY ET AL.

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For: BARRIER UNITS AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

Colonial Heights, VA  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2001, please enter the remarks that follow.

**REMARKS**

At the outset, Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the finality of the last Office Action.

Applicants further note that there is no discussion of the rejection of claim 52 in the present Office Action although the Summary Sheet indicates that claim 52 stands rejected. Applicants request clarification on the grounds of rejection of claim 52.

Claims 16 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC§112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner maintains this rejection on the basis that there is insufficient antecedent support for the limitation "the interrupted band" in line 2 of each of these claims. Both of claims 16 and 20 are indirectly dependent on claim 1, which at line 6 refers to "said band being interrupted across the length thereof". This language, it is respectfully submitted, provides appropriate and sufficient antecedent support for the limitations forming the basis of

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